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## TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for 1968, prepared on the lines indicated in the Department of Health and Social Security circular 1/69.

### **Infectious Diseases**

The number of infectious disease notifications during the year was 204, compared with 948 in 1967. The decrease was mainly due to the fact that it was not an epidemic year for measles, 143 cases being notified as against 897 in 1967. One case of malaria was reported, but this was contracted abroad.

Under new regulations which came into force on the 1st October 1968 it is now necessary to notify tetanus, yellow fever and leptospirosis. Notification is no longer required in respect of acute influenzal pneumonia, acute primary pneumonia, acute rheumatism, erysipelas, membranous croup, and puerperal pyrexia.

### **Vital Statistics**

The crude birth rate remained steady at 16·23 per thousand population, compared with 16·21 in 1967. Corrected for comparability, in age and sex distribution with the country as a whole, the figure is 19·31, exceeding for the fourth successive year the figure for England and Wales, which continued its downward trend from 17·20 to 16·90.

The crude death rate per thousand population continued to fall, to 12·06 from 12·18 in 1967. The corrected death rate at 8·92 compares favourably with the figure for England and Wales, which rose from 11·20 to 11·90.

The infant mortality rate increased to 23·78 per 1,000 total live births, the highest figure since 1961.

Only three cases of tuberculosis (two pulmonary and one non-pulmonary) were notified, the lowest ever recorded, and there was one death (pulmonary). The number of names on the tuberculosis register continues steadily to decline, and the figure of 187 is the lowest for twenty-eight years.

### **Untreated Milk—Brucellosis**

During the year 88 samples of raw milk, being retailed in the district as farm bottled tuberculin tested, were submitted for biological examination. All samples were found to be negative for *Brucella abortus* and satisfactorily passed the test for absence of penicillin.

### **Food Hygiene**

Continued attention has been given to food premises generally, and on the whole they are maintained in a satisfactory condition.

A complaint was received regarding the sale of a tin of corned beef which, on being opened by the purchaser, was found to be in an advanced stage of

decomposition. On investigation it was noted that the can had been punctured by a packing case nail, but fairly close examination was needed to locate the defect. In the circumstances the Council sent a warning letter to the retailer concerned.

Other complaints included the presence of white threads in a beefburger, and stones in a tin of peas.

## Housing Improvement Grants

### Standard Grants

During the year 69 applications were received and dealt with as under:—

No. approved	—	Owner/Occupier	...	52
		Tenanted	...	17
		<hr/>		
		Total	...	69
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No. withdrawn	—	Owner/Occupier	...	10
		Tenanted	...	7
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		Total	...	17
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Sum total of Grants approved		£11,619	18s.	6d.

Since the inception of the scheme in 1959, 1,028 applications have been approved as follows:—

No. approved	—	Owner/Occupier	...	633
		Tenanted	...	395
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		Total	...	1,028
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No. withdrawn	—	Owner/Occupier	...	52
		Tenanted	...	56
				<hr/>
		Total	...	108
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Sum total of Grants approved		£146,591	3s.	11d.
Number paid	...	...	...	826
Number repaid	...	...	...	54
Net amount paid	...	...	...	£120,916

## Slum Clearance Programme

The following table shows the state of the programme commenced in January 1956.

(a)	Number of houses in programme	...	200
(b)	Number dealt with under Housing Acts	...	245
			(53 vacant)
	Number closed	...	43
	Number demolished	...	44
	Number made fit, Undertaking determined	...	136



(c)	Number of families rehoused	...	...	170
	Number rehoused by Council	...	...	100
(d)	Number remaining to be rehoused	...	...	22
	Number willing to be rehoused	...	...	7

## **Council Housing**

The following information is given by the Housing Manager, Miss E. S. Jeudwine, A.I.H.M.

### **Applications for Housing**

The total number of applications on the waiting list decreased from 941 in January to 923 in December 1968.

### **New Accommodation**

Twelve houses and twelve flats were built on the Church Coombe Estate at Uckfield during the year, nine of these being used to rehouse the tenants of the prefabricated bungalows in Vernon Road.

Eleven bungalows were built at Stonecross Road, Crowborough, to complete the redevelopment of this site.

### **Vacancies**

The total number of vacancies in existing Council accommodation during the year was 55.

### **Rehousing**

The number of applicants housed was 81.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN PETRIE,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

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TABLE 1

## VITAL AND SOCIAL STATISTICS

Area of the District	...	...	...	...	...	112,096 acres
Population (Registrar General's estimate)	...	...	...	...	...	51,810
Density of Population per acre	...	...	...	...	...	0.46
Number of hereditaments (at 31/3/69)	...	...	...	...	...	20,771
Rateable Value (at 1/4/69)	...	...	...	...	...	£1,843,030
Sum represented by the penny rate (at 1/4/69)	...	...	...	...	...	£7,209

## Births and Deaths

Birth Rate (crude)	...	...	...	...	16.23	} Per 1,000 Population
„ „ (modified)	...	...	...	...	19.31	
„ „ (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	16.90	
Death Rate (crude)	...	...	...	...	12.06	
„ „ (modified)	...	...	...	...	8.92	
„ „ (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	11.90	

## Mothers and Infants

<b>Live Births</b>					<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number	...	...	...	...	403	438	841
Rate per 1,000 population...	...	...	...	...			16.23

## Illegitimate Live Births

(per cent. of total live births)	...	...					5.47
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## Still Births

Number	...	...	...	...	4	3	7
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	...	...	...	...			8.25

<b>Total Live and Still Births</b>	...	...	...	...	407	441	848
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<b>Infant Deaths</b> (deaths under one year)	...	...	15	5	20
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## Infant Mortality Rates

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	...	...	23.78
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	...		21.38
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...		65.22

## Neo-natal Mortality Rate

(Deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births)	...	14.27
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## Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate

(Deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)	...	11.89
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## Perinatal Mortality Rate

(Stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	...	20.05
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TABLE I (continued)

**Maternal Mortality (including abortion)**

Number of deaths ... ..	NIL
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births ... ..	NIL

<b>Causes of Death</b>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Tuberculosis of respiratory system ... ..	1	—	1
Syphilis and its sequelae ... ..	1	—	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases ... ..	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm—stomach ... ..	2	5	7
Malignant neoplasm—lung, bronchus ... ..	31	1	32
Malignant neoplasm—breast ... ..	—	12	12
Malignant neoplasm—uterus ... ..	—	2	2
Leukaemia ... ..	3	2	5
Other malignant neoplasms etc. ... ..	40	27	67
Benign and unspecified neoplasms ... ..	1	2	3
Diabetes mellitus ... ..	1	2	3
Other endocrine etc. diseases ... ..	—	1	1
Other diseases of blood etc. ... ..	—	1	1
Mental disorders ... ..	1	1	2
Other diseases of nervous system etc. ... ..	3	4	7
Chronic rheumatic heart disease ... ..	—	3	3
Hypertensive disease ... ..	3	7	10
Ischaemic heart disease ... ..	68	72	140
Other forms of heart disease ... ..	13	20	33
Cerebrovascular disease ... ..	37	54	91
Other diseases of circulatory system ... ..	16	20	36
Influenza ... ..	10	8	18
Pneumonia ... ..	21	21	42
Bronchitis and emphysema ... ..	22	7	29
Asthma ... ..	3	—	3
Other diseases of respiratory system ... ..	4	2	6
Peptic ulcer ... ..	1	2	3
Intestinal obstruction and hernia ... ..	2	2	4
Other diseases of digestive system ... ..	1	2	3
Nephritis and nephrosis ... ..	2	1	3
Hyperplasia of prostate ... ..	3	—	3
Other diseases, genito-urinary system ... ..	3	4	7
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system ... ..	2	1	3
Congenital anomalies ... ..	5	5	10
Other causes of perinatal mortality ... ..	3	—	3
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions ... ..	1	4	5
Motor vehicle accidents ... ..	5	4	9
All other accidents ... ..	7	3	10
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries ... ..	2	2	4
All other external causes ... ..	1	—	1
Total deaths... ..	320	305	625



TABLE SHOWING VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1953-1968

Year	Estimated Population	Number of Births						Crude Birth Rate	Number of Deaths			Crude Death Rate	Infants' Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural Increase of Births over Deaths
		Legitimate			Illegitimate				M.	F.	Total		M.	F.	Total		
		M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total										
1953	43,600	241	260	510	12	12	24	12.05	245	257	502	11.51	7	5	12	22.86	23
1954	43,940	267	262	529	16	10	26	12.63	256	300	556	12.65	4	5	9	16.21	—
1955	44,000	255	245	500	14	13	27	11.97	250	311	561	12.75	8	8	16	32.00	—
1956	43,500	272	236	508	7	12	19	12.11	291	284	575	13.22	8	5	13	24.67	—
1957	43,380	289	255	544	7	6	13	12.84	264	250	514	11.85	7	3	10	17.95	43
1958	43,300	262	238	500	14	6	20	12.01	295	296	591	13.65	2	4	6	11.54	—
1959	43,670	301	297	598	6	14	20	14.15	323	293	616	14.10	4	2	6	9.71	2
1960	43,780	279	271	550	10	10	20	13.02	284	276	560	12.79	7	7	14	24.56	10
1961	43,950	280	277	557	10	15	25	13.24	312	300	612	13.92	10	9	19	32.64	—
1962	44,770	334	289	623	14	12	26	14.49	303	331	634	14.16	6	2	8	12.33	15
1963	45,540	322	284	606	30	14	44	14.27	303	340	643	14.12	7	6	13	20.00	7
1964	46,000	326	307	633	21	21	42	14.67	266	318	584	12.69	6	5	11	16.30	91
1965	47,130	344	328	672	17	21	38	15.06	304	333	637	13.52	6	6	12	16.90	73
1966	48,300	349	317	666	25	24	49	14.80	313	335	648	13.42	10	—	10	14.00	67
1967	50,640	416	355	771	27	23	50	16.21	267	350	617	12.18	4	9	13	15.83	204
1968	51,810	378	417	795	25	21	46	16.23	320	305	625	12.06	15	5	20	23.78	216

POPULATION FIGURES, 1959-1968. Estimated

TABLE III

PARISH	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
BUXTED ... ..	2,479	2,384	2,377	2,442	2,457	2,559	2,556	2,745	2,855	3,332
CROWBOROUGH ... ..	7,396	8,109	8,396	8,702	8,919	9,092	9,684	10,371	11,109	11,630
DANEHILL ... ..	1,236	1,282	1,304	1,335	1,343	1,411	1,441	1,419	1,456	1,452
FLETCHING ... ..	983	947	923	930	947	924	918	914	945	948
FOREST ROW ... ..	3,554	3,519	3,481	3,544	3,588	3,558	3,643	3,733	3,873	3,976
FRAMFIELD ... ..	1,858	1,817	1,761	1,787	1,798	1,782	1,776	1,769	1,786	1,791
FRANT ... ..	1,518	1,464	1,455	1,468	1,468	1,435	1,450	1,414	1,451	1,447
HADLOW DOWN ... ..	810	836	812	839	833	837	839	845	857	823
HARTFIELD ... ..	2,034	1,992	2,023	2,013	2,043	2,092	2,112	2,075	2,157	2,135
ISFIELD ... ..	488	490	492	475	479	432	466	472	493	492
LITTLE HORSTED ... ..	195	203	197	196	197	203	190	201	195	202
MARESFIELD ... ..	3,072	3,251	3,213	3,243	3,266	3,283	3,354	3,332	3,494	3,511
MAYFIELD ... ..	3,505	3,390	3,316	3,377	3,478	3,488	3,565	3,578	3,648	3,649
ROTHERFIELD ... ..	2,800	2,771	2,758	2,789	2,822	2,825	2,870	2,871	2,983	2,943
UCKFIELD ... ..	4,457	4,327	4,376	4,475	4,585	4,620	4,710	4,951	5,521	5,689
WADHURST ... ..	4,132	3,950	3,929	3,955	4,016	4,109	4,071	4,047	4,157	4,188
WITHYHAM ... ..	3,153	3,048	3,137	3,200	3,301	3,350	3,485	3,563	3,660	3,602
†Totals .....	43,670	43,780	43,950	44,770	45,540	46,000	47,130	48,300	50,640	51,810

† Totals are annual estimates of population supplied by the Registrar General.

Population of each parish calculated as follows:—

1959

Registrar General's estimate of population for the District

Number of occupied dwellings in the District

×

1960-1968

Registrar General's estimate of population for the District

Number of persons on Register of Electors

×

Number of occupied dwellings in each parish

Number of persons on Register of Electors in each parish

1968  
NOTIFIED CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN AGE GROUPS

Disease	Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5—9 years	10—14 years	15—24 years	25 years and over	Age un- known	Total	Admitted to hospital
SCARLET FEVER ...	—	—	3	—	1	2	1	—	—	—	7	—
WHOOPING COUGH ...	—	2	2	6	4	17	1	—	4	—	36	—
MEASLES ...	2	8	16	16	17	68	10	4	2	—	143	—
DYSENTERY ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
	Under 5 years	5—14 years	15—44 years	45—64 years	65 years and over	Age un- known						
PNEUMONIA ...	—	—	—	—	2	—					2	—
ERYSIPELAS ...	—	—	2	—	—	—					2	—
MALARIA ...	—	—	—	1	—	—					1	—
*FOOD POISONING ...	1	1	5	2	—	—					9	1
INFECTIVE JAUNDICE ...	—	—	—	1	1	—					2	—

\* Analysis of Food Poisoning Notification  
Causative Agent—Not Known



TABLE V

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Distribution of diseases in the parishes, 1968

PARISH	DISEASE									
	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Dysentery	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Infective Jaundice	Malaria	Total
BUXTED ... ..	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
CROWBOROUGH ... ..	2	17	13	2	2	2	7	1	—	46
DANEHILL... ..	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
FLETCHING ... ..	2	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
FOREST ROW ... ..	—	8	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	9
FRAMFIELD ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
FRANT ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
HADLOW DOWN ... ..	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
HARTFIELD ... ..	—	6	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	13
ISFIELD ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
LITTLE HORSTED... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MARESFIELD ... ..	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
MAYFIELD... ..	1	—	90	—	—	—	—	—	—	91
ROTHERFIELD ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
UCKFIELD... ..	—	—	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	15
WADHURST ... ..	—	—	4	—	—	—	1	1	—	6
WITHYHAM ... ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
TOTALS ... ..	7	36	143	2	2	2	9	2	1	204



TABLE VI

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and mortality during 1968

AGE GROUPS				NEW CASES				DEATHS			
				Respiratory		Non-Resp.		Respiratory		Non-Resp.	
				<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>
Under 1 year	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 4	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—14	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—24	...	...	...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—34	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—44	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—54	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—64	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 and over	...	...	...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Age unknown	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	...	...	...	1	1	—	1	1	—	—	—

TABLE SHOWING TUBERCULOSIS STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1951-1968

TABLE VII

YEAR	NEW CASES					DEATHS				
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total (All Types)	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total (All Types)
	M	F	M	F	M & F	M	F	M	F	M & F
1951	22	19	3	6	50	4	4	1	—	9
1952	25	21	5	4	55	5	3	2	—	10
1953	27	17	—	2	46	2	1	—	1	4
1954	27	18	2	3	50	2	—	—	—	2
1955	5	8	1	3	17	2	2	—	—	4
1956	4	6	4	2	16	—	3	1	—	4
1957	10	5	3	2	20	—	—	—	—	—
1958	13	4	1	—	18	1	—	—	—	1
1959	8	3	1	1	13	4	—	—	—	4
1960	11	3	3	3	20	1	1	—	—	2
1961	6	5	1	—	12	2	—	—	—	2
1962	12	2	3	—	17	2	1	—	—	3
1963	6	2	2	—	10	2	1	—	—	3
1964	5	5	1	1	12	2	1	—	—	3
1965	1	2	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	—
1966	3	4	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—
1967	5	1	—	—	6	2	—	—	1	3
1968	1	1	—	1	3	1	—	—	—	1

MASS RADIOGRAPHY

ANALYSIS OF RESULTS OF SURVEYS 1968

TABLE VIII

	Doctors' Referrals			Other Examinees			Total All Groups		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Number Examined	183	224	407	294	366	660	477	590	1,067
Tb. requiring treatment or close clinic supervision	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tb. requiring occasional clinic supervision	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bronchial Carcinoma	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	1
All other abnormalities	60	47	107	21	9	30	81	56	137
Total abnormalities	60	47	107	22	9	31	82	56	138

**TABLE IX**  
**VACCINATION**

The following vaccinations or re-vaccinations were carried out at clinics or reported by medical practitioners during the year.

<i>Age</i>	<i>Vaccinations</i>	<i>Re-vaccinations</i>
Under 1 year ...	32	—
1 year ... ..	299	2
2-4 years ... ..	166	24
5-15 years ...	38	178
TOTALS ...	535	204

#### **International Certificate of Vaccination**

One thousand and four certificates requiring the signature of the doctor authenticated were dealt with during the year.



TABLE X

## AMBULANCES, CLINICS AND LABORATORY SERVICE

## Child Health Clinics and Ante-Natal Clinics in the Uckfield Rural District

<i>Name of Centre</i>						<i>When held</i>
BUXTED						
Reading Room, Buxted	...	...	...	...	...	3rd Tuesday in each month.
CROWBOROUGH						
St. Richard's Church Hall	...	...	...	...	...	3rd Tuesday in each month.
Wesleyan Hall, Croft Road	...	...	...	...	...	2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month.
CHELWOOD GATE AND DANEHILL						
Chelwood Gate Village Hall	...	...	...	...	...	2nd Tuesday in each month.
FAIRWARP						
Village Hall, Fairwarp	...	...	...	...	...	1st Wednesday in each month.
FOREST ROW						
Village Hall	...	...	...	...	...	1st Thursday in each month. (Dr. H. N. Hardy.)
FRAMFIELD						
Memorial Hall	...	...	...	...	...	2nd Thursday in each month.
FRANT						
Village Hall	...	...	...	...	...	3rd Friday in each month.
GROOMBRIDGE						
King Edward VII Institute Hall, Station Road	...	...	...	...	...	4th Tuesday in each month.
HARTFIELD AND WITHYHAM						
King's Hall, Withyham	...	...	...	...	...	1st Friday in each month.
MARESFIELD						
Village Hall	...	...	...	...	...	2nd Wednesday in each month.
NUTLEY						
Church Hall	...	...	...	...	...	3rd Tuesday in each month.
ROTHERFIELD						
Village Institute Hall	...	...	...	...	...	2nd Wednesday in each month.
UCKFIELD						
County Clinic (Child Health)	...	...	...	...	...	1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesday in each month. (Dr. P. B. Ross.)
(Toddlers' Session)	...	...	...	...	...	3rd Thursday in each month (A.M.)
Ante-Natal Relaxation Class	...	...	...	...	...	Each Monday and 4th Thursday. (Dr. Harrison.)
WADHURST						
Commemoration Hall, High Street	...	...	...	...	...	2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month. (Dr. Marsh.)

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus Immunisation and  
Poliomyelitis Vaccination Clinics

FOREST ROW						
Village Hall	...	...	...	...	...	1st Thursday in each month at 2.30 p.m.
MAYFIELD						
Village Hall	...	...	...	...	...	1st Friday in each month at 2.30 p.m.
UCKFIELD						
County Clinic	...	...	...	...	...	2nd Tuesday in each month at 2.15 p.m.

## Poliomyelitis Vaccination Clinic

CROWBOROUGH						
Red Cross Hall...	...	...	...	...	...	2nd Monday in each month from 2-2.30 p.m.

TABLE X (continued)

### Laboratory Facilities

The arrangements which were made for the examination of specimens taken for the diagnosis and control of infectious diseases, with the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (telephone number Brighton 63506), continued throughout the year and proved to be very satisfactory.

Medical practitioners send specimens direct to the Laboratory and receive a report by telephone, a written copy of the report being sent to this office.

Specimens may be sent to reach the Southdown Bus Depôt, Pool Valley, Brighton, by 5.15 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays and by 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays, or to the Public Health Laboratory by 6 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays and by 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Urgent examinations may be carried out at other times by arrangement with the Director, Doctor Jameson (telephone number Brighton 56960).

### Ambulance Services

The County Council, under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, has the duty to ensure that ambulances are available where necessary to convey persons suffering from illness from places in their area to places in or outside their area.

The stations and ambulances are linked by radio control, which ensures a quicker and more efficient service in accident or emergency cases. All emergency calls along our common boundary with the Kent County Council are covered by the nearest ambulance to the scene of the emergency.

A day and night ambulance service is available and calls are accepted from doctors, nurses, midwives and hospitals in the area. Only in cases of accidents or other sudden emergencies are calls accepted directly from members of the public.

Ambulance stations serving parishes in the Uckfield Rural District are as follows:—

<i>Parishes Served</i>	<i>Ambulance Station</i>	<i>Telephone Number</i>	<i>No. of Ambulances</i>
Buxted (North Part) Crowborough Frant Mayfield Rotherfield Wadhurst Withyham	Crowborough Hill, Crowborough.	Crowborough 4882	2
Forest Row  Hartfield	East Court, East Grinstead.	East Grinstead 23488	3
Buxted (South Part) Danehill Fletching Framfield Hadlow Down Isfield Little Horsted Maresfield Uckfield	Red Cross Hall, Selby Road, Uckfield.	Uckfield 2913	1



TABLE XI

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES AND SUPERVISION

No. of inspections made under the Housing and Public Health Acts...	951
"    "    "    Rent Act, 1957 ... ..	2
"    "    "    Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963 ... ..	17
"    "    "    Noise Abatement Act, 1960 ...	28
"    "    "    Clean Air Act ... ..	6
"    "    "    Pet Animals Act, 1951 ... ..	1
"    "    "    Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare) Act ... ..	15
"    "    "    National Assistance Acts... ..	4
No. of premises other than houses visited under the Public Health Acts	461
Visits to factories (with power 34, without power 9) ... ..	43
"    outworkers premises ... ..	2
Inspections made of dairies and milk shops ... ..	106
"    "    stalls and delivery vehicles ... ..	37
Visits to bakehouses ... ..	24
"    butchers' shops ... ..	35
"    knackers' yard ... ..	2
"    fish frying premises ... ..	3
"    food premises ... ..	205
"    ice-cream premises ... ..	5
"    licensed premises... ..	24
"    hop-pickers' lodgings ... ..	9
Visits in connection with caravans ... ..	18
"    "    "    infectious diseases ... ..	71
"    "    "    water supplies... ..	28
"    "    "    rats and mice destruction ... ..	3,172
"    "    "    vermin ... ..	3
"    "    "    waste foods order ... ..	6
"    "    "    schools... ..	2
Miscellaneous visits ... ..	161
Interviews ... ..	46
No. of drain tests carried out ... ..	300
"    water samples taken ... ..	19
"    milk samples taken ... ..	89
"    ice-cream samples taken ... ..	—
"    premises disinfected and disinfested ... ..	31
"    preliminary notices served ... ..	166
"    "    "    complied with ... ..	95
"    statutory notices served ... ..	6
"    "    "    complied with ... ..	6

TABLE XII

## PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The following statistics show inspections and work done by the Rodent Operators during the year.

							<i>Rats</i>	<i>Mice</i>
No. of complaints received	...	...	...	...	...	...	354	110
No. of premises infested	...	...	...	...	...	...	295	97
No. of infestations found as a result of routine enquiry						...	89	4
No. of premises treated by the occupier	...	...	...	...	...	...	95	17
No. of dwellings disinfested:								
(a) Dwellinghouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	141	83
(b) Council properties (Sewage disposal works and refuse tips)							25	—
(c) Business premises (other than food premises)						...	6	2
(d) Food premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
(e) Agricultural premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	10
(f) Schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	9
Total number of visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,168	



**TABLE XIII**  
**FACTORIES ACT, 1961**

Forty-three visits were made to factories during the year; of these thirty-four were to factories in which mechanical power was used.

*Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health.*

PREMISES	NO. ON REGISTER	INSPEC- TIONS	NOTICES	OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... ..	15	9	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ... ..	148	34	1	—
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) ... ..	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ... ..	163	43	1	—

*Cases in which defects were found*

PARTICULARS	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND				NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH PROSECUTIONS WERE INSTITUTED
	FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED		
			TO H.M. INSPECTOR	BY H.M. INSPECTOR	
Want of cleanliness ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) insufficient ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective ... ..	1	—	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) ... ..	—	1	—	—	—
TOTALS ... ..	1	1	—	—	—

*Outwork (Sections 133 and 134)*

Nature of work	No. of outworkers in August list required by Sect. 133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel: Making, etc.	4	—	—	—	—	—
Cleaning and washing ...	—	—	—	—	—	—

TABLE XIV

### WATER SUPPLIES

There is an ample supply of main water in the area, and the many analyses of water taken from numerous sources show that the organic purity and bacteriological condition is excellent.

The Mid-Sussex Water Company supply practically the whole of the district, and the fluoride content from all sources is less than 0·1 parts per million.

Samples of water were taken each month for bacteriological examination and the following table shows the sources of supply and results of the analyses.

<i>Source of Supply</i>	<i>Samples taken</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>
Mid-Sussex Water Company ...	15	14	1
Springs and Wells ... ..	4	2	2
TOTALS ... ..	19	16	3

In addition to the above samples taken by the Council's officers the under-mentioned suppliers sent regular reports of bacteriological and chemical analyses.

- Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells.
- East Surrey Water Company.
- Mid-Sussex Water Company.

POSITION RELATING TO PIPED WATER SUPPLY AT 31st DECEMBER, 1968

<i>Statutory Supplier</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>Connected to main supply during year</i>	<i>Dwellings on main supply</i>	<i>Estimated number of inhabitants in houses on main supply</i>
Mid-Sussex Water Company	Buxted	33	907	2,630
	Crowborough	179	4,180	12,122
	Danehill	7	487	1,412
	Fletching	5	244	708
	Forest Row	71	1,259	3,651
	Framfield	32	640	1,856
	Frant	—	385	1,117
	Hadlow Down	4	275	798
	Hartfield	9	651	1,888
	Isfield	2	206	597
	Little Horsted	—	15	44
	Maresfield	30	1,099	3,187
	Mayfield	8	1,166	3,381
	Rotherfield	8	1,005	2,915
	Uckfield	249	2,632	7,633
	Wadhurst	21	1,465	4,249
	Withyham	8	1,145	3,321
Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells ...	Frant	6	*	—

\*Included in the total for Mid-Sussex Water Company.



TABLE XVI

**Sewerage and Sewage Purification**

Capital expenditure during the past eighteen years on sewerage and sewage disposal works is shown in the following table:—

<i>Year ended 31st March</i>	<i>Total Expenditure £</i>
1951	4,657
1952	15,583
1953	5,526
1954	10,433
1955	6,072
1956	4,787
1957	83,977
1958	70,836
1959	30,398
1960	52,342
1961	71,501
1962	60,014
1963	80,013
1964	136,318
1965	170,309
1966	130,745
1967	63,013
1968	110,468
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	£1,106,992

The Council's programme of capital works has had to be modified in line with the Government policy of restricting capital works to those which are essential in the interests of public health. The following details show the progress which has been made to date.

										<i>Capital Cost £</i>
<b>Works completed up to December 1968</b>										
UCKFIELD AND FIVE ASH DOWN	Sewers and New Disposal Works	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	175,000
CROWBOROUGH (VILLAGE)	New Trunk Sewers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58,000
UCKFIELD ...	New Trunk Sewer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22,000
UCKFIELD (WEST SIDE)	Sewer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,000
BUXTED ...	New Sewer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,000
<b>Schemes where work is in progress</b>										
ISFIELD ...	Sewers and Pumping Stations...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66,000
DANEHILL AND CHELWOOD GATE	Sewers and Disposal Works	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	157,000
<b>Schemes approved but not allocated a definite starting date</b>										
FRAMFIELD...	New Disposal Works, Pumping Main, etc	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36,500
<b>Schemes in course of preparation and schemes to be prepared</b>										
BLACKHAM (VILLAGE)	Sewers and Disposal Works	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
WADHURST (ROCK ROBIN)	Pumping Station	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
MAYFIELD (MERES)	Modernisation of existing works	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
MAYFIELD (CROUCH)	Modernisation of existing works	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
CROWBOROUGH AND (REDGATE MILL)	ROTHERFIELD Modernisation and improvement of sludge drying facilities	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
FOREST ROW	Improvements to existing works	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—



**TABLE XVII**  
**FOOD PREMISES**

**Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960**

The number and category of food premises in the area is as follows:—

	Number of Premises			
	<i>Total No.</i>	<i>Fitted to comply with Regulation 16</i>	<i>To which Regulation 19 applies</i>	<i>Fitted to comply with Regulation 19</i>
Bakehouses ... ..	6	6	6	6
Butchers' Shops ... ..	30	30	30	30
Cakes, Confectionery and Sweets ... ..	40	40	40	40
Greengrocers ... ..	22	22	22	22
Grocers and Provisions ...	128	128	128	128
Licensed Premises ... ..	69	69	69	69
Catering establishments ...	100	100	100	100
Wet Fish Shops ... ..	6	6	6	6
Fried Fish Shops ... ..	4	4	4	4

*Improvements at Food Premises during 1968*

Constant hot water provided ... ..	3
Sinks provided, renewed or improved ... ..	3
Wash hand basins provided or renewed ... ..	4
Kitchens, preparing rooms and food stores cleansed and decorated ... ..	2
Walls and ceilings repaired ... ..	4
Floors repaired or renewed ... ..	2
Display counters improved or increased ... ..	1
Sanitary accommodation improved or increased ... ..	2
Drainage systems repaired or improved ... ..	2

**Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Section 16**

*The following table shows premises which are registered under the provisions of Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.*

Cooked Meat premises... ..	36
Fried Fish Shops ... ..	4
Ice-cream premises ... .. (Storage and sale only)	234

**Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959**

Number of persons registered as distributors 47.

**TABLE XVIII**  
**FOOD INSPECTION**

During the year the following unsound food was voluntarily surrendered to the Public Health Inspectors.

56 lbs of fish	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	decomposed
37 lbs of canned meat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	decomposed
164 lbs of fresh meat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	decomposed
370 lbs of canned foods	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	decomposed

Following the breakdown of several frozen food cabinets, a total weight of 834 lbs of frozen foodstuffs was surrendered.

Unsound food is buried at Council refuse dumps.

**TABLE XIX**  
**POULTRY INSPECTION**

Number of processing plants in the district	...	...	...	3
Number of visits	...	...	...	21
Total number of birds processed in the year	...	...	...	7,134,675
Type of birds processed	...	...	...	Broilers
Percentage rejected as unfit	...	...	...	0.64

**TABLE XX**  
**Pet Animals Act 1951**

Four premises are registered under the above Act for the sale of pet animals, and one visit was made during the year.

**Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963**

Number of premises licensed	...	...	20
Number of visits made	...	...	17

TABLE XXI

## OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

## Registrations and General Inspections

<i>Class of premises</i>	<i>Number of premises registered during the year</i>	<i>Total number of registered premises at end of year</i>	<i>Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year</i>
Offices ... ..	5	110	6
Retail shops ... ..	10	225	11
Wholesale shops, warehouses ... ..	—	1	—
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens ... ..	1	33	—
Fuel storage depots ...	—	1	—
TOTALS ... ..	16	370	17

## Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

<i>Class of workplace</i>	<i>Number of persons employed</i>
Offices ... ..	670
Retail shops ... ..	858
Wholesale departments, warehouses ... ..	15
Catering establishments open to the public ...	172
Canteens ... ..	29
Fuel storage depots ... ..	6
TOTAL ... ..	1,750
TOTAL MALES ... ..	737
TOTAL FEMALES ... ..	1,013

Number of visits of all kinds to registered premises	...	...	...	75
Number of informal notices served	...	...	...	6
Number of informal notices abated	...	...	...	5
Number of accidents reported (slight)	...	...	...	4



TABLE XXII

## INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

1.	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts) ... ..	233
	(b)	Total number of inspections made for the purpose ... ..	951
2.		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ...	2
3.		Number of dwelling houses (excluding those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... ..	141

**Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notice**

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers ... ..	83
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**Action under Statutory Powers during the year**

1.	<i>Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957:—</i>		
	(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ..	1
	(b)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice:—	
	(i)	By owners ... ..	4
	(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners ... ..	—
2.	<i>Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:—</i>		
	(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ..	5
	(b)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:—	
	(i)	By owners (including compliance with notices served prior to 1st January, 1968) ... ..	1
	(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners ... ..	1
3.	<i>Proceedings under Sections 4 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957:—</i>		
	(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ..	—
	(b)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... ..	2
	(c)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ..	3
	(d)	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit following undertakings given after service of Notice of Time and Place—Section 16... ..	6
	(e)	Number of dwelling houses for which undertakings, under Section 16, were given by owners ... ..	3



TABLE XXIII

## REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO DWELLING HOUSES

The works of repair and improvement listed below were completed during the past eight years:—

<i>Internal.</i>	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Damp floors remedied ...	94	74	73	108	58	37	40	26
Damp walls remedied ...	144	119	73	146	82	81	53	50
Floors relaid or repaired ...	167	154	110	146	97	82	89	49
Walls repaired or cleansed ...	349	322	288	422	319	288	241	133
Ceilings repaired or cleansed ...	296	316	274	377	305	255	229	117
Ceiling heights increased ...	26	26	27	20	9	3	3	4
Lighting improved ...	73	73	47	77	42	13	29	16
Ventilation improved ...	95	85	51	78	53	15	32	15
Windows repaired or renewed...	146	138	69	113	91	37	55	41
Doors repaired or renewed ...	44	38	17	32	14	6	10	1
Woodwork repaired or renewed	29	29	10	19	10	5	1	3
Flues and fireplaces repaired ...	14	13	13	16	7	2	4	3
Cooking stoves repaired or provided ...	20	28	15	21	13	5	7	1
Washing coppers repaired or provided ...	—	2	2	2	1	—	2	1
Food stores repaired or provided	69	83	42	75	44	39	39	11
Staircases repaired ...	38	49	26	40	29	21	22	10
Sinks provided or renewed ...	79	82	63	100	72	67	47	33
Sink wastes trapped or provided	70	80	61	101	73	63	51	35
Baths and wash basins provided	104	121	96	139	99	80	60	49
Hot water systems provided ...	97	121	93	122	92	72	55	40
Artificial lighting provided ...	6	—	4	2	2	—	3	1
Fuel stores provided ...	2	—	1	2	—	—	1	—
<i>External.</i>								
Walls repaired ...	80	67	48	72	46	36	34	23
Roofs repaired ...	67	64	43	54	42	40	34	19
Chimney stacks repaired ...	61	47	32	47	37	30	22	11
Gutters and downpipes provided or repaired ...	56	58	40	41	34	22	33	13
Paving provided or repaired ...	40	33	29	48	30	11	7	2
Dustbins provided or renewed...	1	1	2	2	4	—	2	—
Accumulations removed ...	2	—	4	3	1	2	—	—
<i>Drainage.</i>								
New systems provided ...	86	35	34	56	31	20	22	21
Systems repaired, improved or cleansed ...	66	79	63	89	63	46	26	35
W.C.s provided ...	89	93	85	136	92	77	54	47
W.C.s repaired, cleansed and flushing apparatus provided	7	10	7	10	4	10	7	5
E.C.s and M.P.s converted to W.C.s ...	4	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
E.C.s repaired or improved ...	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—
<i>Water Supply.</i>								
Main supply provided ...	8	4	6	2	5	3	4	1
Wells repaired, improved or provided ...	1	3	—	1	—	3	1	—

TABLE XXIV

**HOUSES BUILT DURING 1968**

During the year thirty-five houses were built on behalf of the Council, four hundred and eighty-three were completed by private enterprise, and five properties were made available by conversion.

**Houses Built by Private Enterprise**

Inspections under the Building Regulations have continued to be carried out by the Public Health Inspectors in respect of all building undertaken by private enterprise.

The following table shows the number of visits made during the past ten years.

	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Foundations	484	615	595	596	623	898	1,017	1,042	1,803	1,428
Site Concrete	236	283	376	340	394	566	746	768	1,196	1,018
Damp Proof Course	284	320	388	381	401	505	731	648	915	764
Drainage	665	650	903	883	904	1,120	1,430	1,374	1,674	1,515
Other Visits	2,177	2,197	2,753	2,746	2,756	3,159	4,506	4,609	4,805	4,707
Total Visits	<u>3,846</u>	<u>4,065</u>	<u>5,016</u>	<u>4,946</u>	<u>5,078</u>	<u>6,248</u>	<u>8,430</u>	<u>8,441</u>	<u>10,393</u>	<u>9,432</u>





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